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1. All soldiers carry a field dressing which contains two cotton-wool pads, attached to a bandage, and a safety pin. The set is in double packing, the outer cover being waterproof. 25X1
2. Ambulance men carry dressings, slings, wire frames for supporting bone injuries, a knife, and safety pins. The ambulance NCO also has scissors, a thermometer, and some medicines.
3. The ambulance platoon has the following sets of medical equipment in addition to the kit carried by individual members as in paragraph 2:
 - a. The B-1 set, containing sterilized dressings sufficient for 100 casualties. The set is packed in a laced-up canvas bag.
 - b. The B-2 set, containing supports for various injuries and fractures. These are:
 - (1) The Kramer type: a wire net which can be moulded according to the nature of the injury.
 - (2) The Leszczotki type: a support for injuries to limbs and to the jaw; made of plywood, wire, and cardboard.
 - (3) The Vinogradov-Thomas type: metal rods.
 - (4) The Dietrich type: wooden splints for leg injuries.
 - c. The PF set, for the use of skilled nurses. This contains some instruments, a larger variety of medicines, and additional dressing materials.
4. Basic medicines carried by ambulance patrols are disinfectants, soothing powders for wounds, heart and stomach medicines, caffeine and morphine.

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5. Medical companies have sets WB1, which contain the equipment necessary for setting up a dressing station, and WB2, which contain disinfectants, ointments, instruments, and evacuation cards.
6. The evacuation card is issued to all casualties. The front side shows the man's identity, the diagnosis of his injury, and the details of proposed evacuation. The reverse side shows the record of treatment and the doctor's notes.
7. The medical battalion has the following equipment in addition to that carried by medical companies:
 - a. B-3 sets: large quantities of unsterilized cotton wool.
 - b. W-1 sets: minor surgical equipment.
 - c. W-2 sets: equipment necessary for setting up a small reception and segregation center.
 - d. G-8 sets: surgical equipment for bone and abdomen operations and accessories for the nursing staff.
 - e. G-13: further accessories.
 - g. G-14: four oil cookers.

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